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SUBJECT: UN FINANCING: UNEF - ITALIAN VIEWS

1. ON NOV 23 WE DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH RESPONSIBLE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO INFORMED US THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT TO THE ITALIAN UN MISSION IN NEW YORK RE VOTE ON CUBAN/YEMENI AMENDMENT TO BRAZILIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON UNEF FINANCING. ACCORDING SOURCE, ITALIANS PREFER TO VOTE NEGATIVELY ON CUBAN/YEMENI AMENDMENT, BUT WILL GO ALONG WITH CONSENSUS OF EC-9 ON ISSUE. OFFICIAL SAID IT APPEARED THAT CONSENSUS OF NINE WAS ALSO FOR NEGATIVE VOTE, WITH ABSTENTION A REMOTE POSSIBILITY.

2. OFFICIAL THEN TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN GENERAL ITALIAN POSITION ON BRAZILIAN DRAFT RES. ACCORDING SOURCE, ITALIANS TAKE VERY NEGATIVE VIEW OF BRAZILIAN DRAFT WHICH THEY BELIEVE ERODES IN A MAJOR WAY THE PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY. HE SAID ITALIAN OPPOSITION TO CUBAN/YEMENI AMENDMENT FOLLOWS ITALIAN LOGIC OF OPPOSITION TO BRAZIL DRAFT SINCE AMENDMENT FURTHER ERODES COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY PRINCIPLE.

3. AS REGARDS VOTE, OFFICIAL SAID ITALIANS AGAIN WILL GO ALONG WITH EC CONSENSUS WHICH HE BELIEVED WAS FAVORABLE TO BRAZILIAN
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DRAFT. HOWEVER, OFFICIAL ASSERTED THAT EVEN IF ITALIANS VOTE IN

FAVOR OF BRAZILIAN DRAFT, THEY WILL EXPRESS RESERVATIONS BASED ON
THEIR VIEW THAT IT VITIATES PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBIL-
ITY AND THEREFORE SETS DAMAGING PRECEDENT FOR FINANCING OF PEACE-
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